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#### HONORING PRIESTS FOR LIFE

### HON. TIM HUELSKAMP

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2012

Mr. HUELSKAMP. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues in honoring and celebrating the more than 20 years of service and work of the Priests for Life ministry. Under the leadership of Father Frank Pavone, Priests for Life has grown from a no-staff operation to one of more than 60 people. They have proclaimed the pro-life message at more than 12,000 events across the country, and have worked inter-demoninationally and ecumenically to advance the pro-life cause. Religious and secular leaders alike praise the efforts of Priests for Life. They are second-to-none in their advocacy and their support for the pro-life mission.

But, in his humility, Father Frank would not want us spending this hour talking about him. He would want us talking about why his organization preaches the gospel of love and of life.

Abortion, plain and simple, is the taking of an innocent human life. It may be deemed a 'right' by judges, but a wrong it still is. What does it say about our society that for some people, it is a child at 20 weeks; for others it is property, subject to mutilation at the hands of a so-called medical professional. If it is a child to some, it should be a child to all. There is no gray area, no two ways about it. The scientific fact is without question—life begins at conception.

What does it say about our society that our Commander-in-Chief views an unplanned pregnancy as a "punishment"? President Obama said that if one his daughters became unexpectedly pregnant, he would not want them to be punished with his unborn grandchild.

Priests for Life is known internationally for its work. In fact, Mother Teresa of Calcutta encouraged all priests and deacons to join the organization. And, she invited Fr. Frank to travel to India to preach the pro-life message.

We know that message is needed there now more than ever. As reported by The Economist and ABC News, gendercide is alive and well. 50,000 unborn girls are aborted every single month in India simply because they are girls, not boys.

While Priests for Life is preaching abroad the right to life for all—boys and girls alike—they are preaching here at home the right to life for all—boys and girls of all races and ethnicities. Close to home for me is their ministry to the African-American community, led by Dr. Alveda King, the niece of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. You see, my wife and I are the proud parents of four adopted children. And, two of our children came to us through crisis pregnancy ministry—the exact type of ministry Priests for Life promotes.

We pray and wait for the day that a ministry like Priests for Life will not be necessary—a day when no woman is encouraged to end the life of her unborn child. While those of us vested with the responsibility have the ability to pass laws that promote a culture of life, our work is incomplete without the efforts of groups like Priests for Life that provide the support women and families need in order to live the culture of life.

#### THE BREATH OF FRESH AIR ACT

### HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2012

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, later today I will be introducing the Breath of Fresh Air Act. This legislation would establish a grant program to make funds available to elementary and secondary schools to purchase nebulizers. I am proud to be joined by Congresswoman ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON as an original co-sponsor, and I urge my colleagues to join me as a co-sponsor.

A nebulizer is an extremely effective and easy-to-use medical device used to treat asthma attacks. It delivers the medicine in the form of a mist directly to the person's lungs and is the best remedy for young children who may not cooperate in their time of distress. This bill authorizes funding to purchase nebulizers as well as to provide training to school personnel who administer the nebulizers.

Mr. Speaker, across the United States, nearly 25 million people have been diagnosed with asthma, including almost 7 million children. That means on average one out of every 10 school-age children suffers from the shortness of breath, chest pain, and airway restrictions that are common symptoms of asthma. This serious disease impacts every district in every state, and its effects are far-reaching.

Low-income and minority communities are disproportionately affected by this chronic respiratory disease, and their health outcomes are likely to be worse. The Environmental Protection Agency reports that black children are twice as likely to be hospitalized and four times as likely to die from asthma as white children. Low-income and minority communities also disproportionately live in areas afflicted with high levels of air pollution, allergens, and other environmental factors that trigger asthma attacks. They may also have limited resources to put towards asthma man-

agement or to deal with the financial challenges of medical bills and missed days at school and work.

I have been particularly concerned with this issue, as it affects my home district in California. The Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles operate within and near the 37th Congressional District, and if left unregulated, the California Air Resources Board estimates that the ports will be the largest source of pollution in the state by 2020—greater than the impact of every car on the road in California. The neighborhoods of Los Angeles and Long Beach also rank as one of the U.S. cities most polluted by Particle Pollution. Exposure to air pollution such as this can be dangerous for children whose lungs are still developing, and it increases the risk of emergency room visits for asthma attacks.

The purpose of this grant program is to provide schools with the equipment to treat asthma attacks as soon as symptoms present themselves, and without contributing to the nearly 2 million asthma-related emergency room visits each year. School personnel, particularly school nurses, play an invaluable role in detecting early symptoms and administering a quick medical response in emergency situations. This grant program would be a way to support their efforts even as schools face budget cuts. It will ensure that they have access to all possible resources and can properly assist the students and families with the full range of asthma management decisions.

I also want to acknowledge the indispensable work of my able staff members, Anna Bartels and Gregory Berry, in developing this important legislation.

I would also like to submit into the RECORD a letter of support from the Allergy and Asthma Network/Mothers of Asthmatics, and I thank them for their hard work to ease suffering from asthma, allergies, and other related conditions.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in support of the Breath of Fresh Air Act. Let us work together to make schools a healthy and safe place for children.

ALLERGY AND ASTHMA NETWORK,

MOTHERS OF ASTHMATICS,

McLean, VA, August 2, 2012.

Hon. LAURA RICHARDSON,

1330 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, DC.

DEAR REPRESENTATIVE RICHARDSON: Founded in 1985 by families for families, Allergy & Asthma Network Mothers of Asthmatics (AANMA) is the leading national nonprofit family organization dedicated to eliminating death and suffering due to asthma, allergies and related conditions.

AANMA supports the "Breath of Fresh Air Act" which would provide student access to nebulizers at school for use with their prescribed medications.

Working together with 28 organizations, AANMA led the nationwide effort to ensure students have the right to carry and self-administer their lifesaving inhalers and auto-injectable epinephrine during the school day. Today 50 states protect that right for students with asthma and 49 states protect students' rights to carry their auto-injectable epinephrine.

While students can carry and self-administer their inhalers, in some cases students may best be served by inhaling these medications via the nebulizer.

We support the "Breath of Fresh Air Act" and look forward to its passage.

Sincerely,

NANCY SANDER,  
President and Founder.